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TITLE OF THE INVENTION

SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ELECTRONIC MESSAGE STATUS NOTIFICATION

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CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

to 09/894,542, now US Pat. 6,865,260

[0002] This application relates to ~~Attorney Docket No. 36968-254529 (BS00347)~~,

filed simultaneously, entitled "System and Method for Electronic Message Status

Certification," which is incorporated herein by reference. This application relates to

09/894,317, now US Pat. 6,934,367

~~Attorney Docket No. 36968-255226 (BS01047)~~, filed simultaneously, entitled "System

and Method for Voicemail Message Certification and Reply Using A Temporary

VoiceMail Service," which is incorporated herein by reference. This application relates

09/894,498, now US Pat. 7,027,567

~~to Attorney Docket No. 36968-255221 (BS01045)~~, filed simultaneously, entitled "System

and Method for Electronic Message Status Notification and Reply Using Various

Electronic Media," which is incorporated herein by reference. This application relates to

09/894,494, now abandoned

~~Attorney Docket No. 36968-255222 (BS01046)~~, filed simultaneously, entitled "System

and Method for Electronic Message Status Notification," which is incorporated herein by

reference.

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

[0003] This invention generally relates to the field of electronic messaging. This invention more particularly relates to providing status notification for a message in an electronic communications network. An embodiment of this invention is particularly advantageous for providing status notification for a message in a voicemail system.

BACKGROUND

[0004] Electronic messaging services have become critical to the efficient operation of business. These services have also become an indispensable tool for many individuals. As the importance of electronic messaging services has grown, so has the importance of providing these services in a reliable, robust and cost-effective manner. The markets in which the service providers provide these services have also become highly competitive, and this competitive environment exerts additional pressure on the service providers to continually improve electronic messaging services. Service providers see erosion in their existing subscriber base as competitive service providers continue to make it easier and attractive to migrate to their service offerings. An inability to change service offerings to keep pace with functional requirements causes additional erosion. In order to compete